TOK Essay Title:

3. “The possession of knowledge carries an ethical responsibility.” Evaluate this claim.

Why:

I think this will be a worthy topic to write on because I am now well informed about ethics. I am also interested in the ethical implications that the possession of knowledge has on a person, their society and the world around them. The possession of knowledge comes with many responsibilities which may include the responsibility to share it to an extent as well as the responsibility to consider the correct ways to apply it in situations.

It is one’s responsibility to, though ethics determine and know what to do with the knowledge that one possesses. We can also assess using ethics if the knowledge we share and do not share is ethically correct or not. This can be dealt by referring to natural science and history and human sciences. Examples of this to help our understanding are evident in cases such medical field with doctors and patients as well as the decisions made in government with or without the peoples’ involvement.

One must also have the responsibility to be open to and consider other or contradictory pieces of knowledge which one may come across. This primarily concerns knowledge gained from the different ways of knowing such as sense perception and emotion where interpretation and different sets of knowledge can be gained and debated.